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Dear Mr. Davis,

You ask what credence I place in page 1 of an FBILHM dated 3/29/67, 62-109060-41(or 9)88. quoting Gordon Novel as having told the FBI that he knew from a Garrison's office leak that Garrison was in touch with Senator Kennedy (Bobby meant), who was interest in an investigation. Absolutely none. Typical Novel fabrication.

He was then on the lam in Columbus, Ohio, running from charges by Garrison, and contrary to what this says, did not give himself up.

Walter Sheridan was then in New Orleans working on an anti-Garrison special for NBC-TV. (He wound up libelling poor Gene Davis, a gay bar owner.)

But Garrison was never on touch with Kennedy and Kennedy was so paranoid about Garrison, quite probably under Sheridan's provocations, that he actually sought official help, I think from the governor, to be protected against Garrison when he would be there.

This is but one of the earlier of the many occasions Novel fed bad information to the FBI that it dutifully and at some length reported and distributed. The files overflow with it.

As the FBI well knew, there was no probability of any Senate investigation at all.

Nor did Garrison want one. Not only was he paraboid about all of Washington, he wanted the show all to himself. A Senate investigation, or any other official investigation, would have wiped Garrison out, whatever it did or did not do.

Garrison did believe that all of Washington was out to do him in.

He delayed a hernia operation because of his fear and when he finally did have that operation, it was in secret in a small-town clinic, with his own detectives in round-the-clock security.

Anyone in Garrison's office caught in contact with Novel after Garrison laid charges on him would have been cutting his own throat. I don't for a minute believe that Novel had any such leak.

Sincerely,

Harold

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